(i) Fever (38°C and 4 weeks), fatigue, night sweats and malaise.

(ii) Significant and unexplained weight loss (10 per cent of body weight).

(iii) Lymphadenopathy—12 weeks.

(iv) Diarrhoea—2 weeks.

(v) Oral or/and esophageal candidiasis.

Having any of these signs and symptoms does not necessarily confirm the diagnosis of AIDS. For confirmation, complex blood tests are required.

(c) The results of the tests conducted on Shri George Varghese, at TVM Medical College, showed that he was not suffering from AIDS.

Non-viable Shipping Companies

2358. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the "non-viable" shipping companies which have taken loans for the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) and the amount of loan outstanding at present; and

(b) the steps being taken to recover these dues from such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have not declared any defaulting shipping company as non-viable. However, all defaulting companies have been served with notice by SDFC to repay the dues as per loan agreement. In the case of some companies steps for foreclosing the mortgages have been initiated.

Charges of corruption against officials of the Ministry of Transport

2359. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers charged with corruption in the Ministry of Transport and Corporations under it during the last two months; and

(b) the names of the officers with designations against whom action has been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Multi-drug treatment of leprosy patients

2360. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to introduce multi-drug treatment for leprosy patients throughout the country in order to control the disease; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is planned to cover under multi-drug treatment 201 districts identified so far as endemic with prevalence rate of 5 and above per thousand population by 2,000 A.D. During VII Plan all 76 hyper-endemic districts with prevalence rate of 10 and above per thousand population will be covered under multi-drug treatment. Infrastructure in the remaining 125 districts will also be created by end of VII Plan.

Appointment of new Chairmen of Air India and Indian Airlines

2361. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state: